

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 1.(Currently amended) A charcoal fire starter comprising
2 a first chamber, said first chamber having a sidewall, a top edge, and a
3 bottom surface, said first chamber having a planar plate member disposed horizontally
4 intermediate said top edge and said bottom surface, said planar plate member having a
5 planar plate member top and a planar plate member bottom surface, said planar member
6 having at least one aperture formed therein extending through said planar plate member
7 from said planar plate member top surface to said planar plate member bottom surface,
8 said sidewall having at least one aperture formed therein intermediate said bottom surface
9 and said planar member, and
10 a second chamber, said second chamber disposed in cooperating
11 relationship with said first chamber, said second chamber having a sidewall, a top edge,
12 and a bottom surface, said second chamber bottom surface being planar and extending
13 across said second chamber, said second chamber having at least one aperture formed
14 therein, said second chamber having a cone atop said second chamber bottom surface and
15 spaced inwardly of said second chamber sidewall, said cone having a sidewall with a
16 plurality of apertures extending therethrough, said second chamber bottom surface
17 located above said first chamber planar member.

1 2.(Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said first chamber sidewall has
2 retention means for support thereon of said planar member.

1 3.(Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said planar member has formed
2 therein a centrally positioned aperture.

1 4.(Previously amended) The device according to claim 1 which includes a plurality of
2 planar members directly adjacent to each other intermediate said first chamber top edge
3 and said first chamber bottom surface, each of said planar members having at least one
4 aperture formed therein, said planar members being cooperatively adjusted relative to one
5 another to facilitate control of the amount of air passing through said apertures.

1 5.(Currently amended) The device according to claim 1 wherein said second chamber
2 sidewall has a flange member, said flange member forming the bottom edge of said
3 second chamber sidewall, said flange member telescoping with said top edge of said first
4 chamber.

1 6.(Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said second chamber has a
2 removable grating placed atop said top edge of said second chamber.

1 7.(Currently amended) The device according to claim 1 wherein said second chamber has
2 attached thereto a handle on the second chamber sidewall.

1 8.(Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said second chamber has a plurality
2 of supporting members extending downwardly from said second chamber bottom surface
3 into contact with said first chamber planar member.

1 9.(Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said planar member is removable
2 from said first chamber.

1 10.(Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said first chamber sidewall has
2 apertures formed only on one side of said first chamber.

1 11.(Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said first and second chambers are
2 cylindrical.

1 12.(Currently amended) A charcoal fire starter comprising
2 a first chamber, said first chamber having a sidewall, a top edge, and a
3 bottom surface, said first chamber having a planar member disposed horizontally
4 intermediate said top edge and said bottom surface, said planar plate member having a
5 planar plate member top and a planar plate member bottom surface, said planar member
6 having at least one aperture formed therein extending through said planar plate member
7 from said planar plate member top surface to said planar plate member bottom surface,
8 said sidewall having at least one aperture formed therein intermediate said bottom surface
9 and said planar member,

10 a second chamber, said second chamber disposed in cooperating
11 relationship with said first chamber, said second chamber having a sidewall, a top edge,
12 and a bottom surface, said second chamber bottom surface being planar and extending
13 across said second chamber, said second chamber having at least one aperture formed
14 therein, said bottom surface being able to have placed thereon a first fuel source and to
15 have placed below a second fuel source, said second chamber bottom surface located
16 above said first chamber planar member, and
17 a cone, said cone having a sidewall with a plurality of apertures extending
18 therethrough, said cone located above said first chamber planar member.

1 13.(Original) The device according to claim 12 wherein said cone is located above said
2 second chamber member bottom surface and spaced inwardly of said second chamber
3 sidewall.

1 14.(Currently amended) The device according to claim 12 wherein said cone is disposed
2 in an intermediate chamber, said intermediate chamber having a top edge and a bottom
3 portion, said bottom portion having a bottom surface, said intermediate chamber top edge
4 in contact with said second chamber, said intermediate chamber bottom portion in contact
5 with said first chamber, said cone resting on said intermediate member bottom surface.

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1 16.(Original) The device according to claim 12 wherein said first chamber sidewall has
2 apertures formed only on one side of said first chamber.

1 17.(Original) The device according to claim 12 wherein said first and second chambers
2 are cylindrical.

1 18.(Original) The device according to claim 14 wherein said intermediate chamber is
2 cylindrical.